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**104th Trains Future
Soldier-Mariners**

**DSS Sets New
Standard**

Command Views



Maj. Gen. T.K. Moffett
Commander, 104th Division (IT)

On my way home to Mississippi after the September training assembly at Vancouver Barracks, I am watching the sunrise from the Atlanta airport and writing this article. This is my regular opportunity to address the soldiers, civilians and families of the division, and I want to take full advantage of the opportunity in this limited space to say things that need to be said.

First of all, why do we serve? All night plane rides, long commutes for many of our soldiers and leaders, long hours for all, time away from families, mobilizations and deployments and sometimes dangerous duty. All this requires sacrifice from soldiers, civilians, families, employers and employees as well. For all Americans, in the midst of our diversity, there are common threads that unite us as a people. I believe some of those threads are the desire to live in freedom, respect for others, love of family, dedication to duty, honor and country.

These are the values that motivate us to serve. We are individuals, yet in the Armed Services, we set aside our differences and unite to defend and serve the common good of a grateful nation. This is why I continue to serve, and I see that shared belief everyday in the faces of our soldiers and civilians of the 104th Division.

During Labor Day weekend, I had the privilege of visiting with the Timberwolf veterans of World War II at their annual

convention in St. Louis. There were more than 700 veterans and family members present. Tears were shed by some, and I saw on their faces the same shared values. They did their duty and made their sacrifices during extended combat under very difficult circumstances. In 1944 and 1945, the division suffered 6,223 casualties which included 1,447 casualties during 195 days of consecutive combat. They were ferocious and victorious, gaining the reputation and feared by their enemy as "Nightfighters."

To honor these heroes, on September 2005, the division is planning a reenactment ceremony of the mobilization of the division at Camp Adair, Oregon. This will bridge the gap between the division of yesteryear and the division of today. We will honor those who served then, and the cities and citizens and those who supported them. You may find it interesting to know that the father of Laura Bush, the First Lady, was a Timberwolf in World War II.

Arjan van Hussen traveled to St. Louis from the Netherlands representing an organization that is dedicated to preserving the memory of the 104th soldiers and units that liberated the region of the Netherlands that is his home. Those brave men made history, liberated many and defeated tyranny.

Today, we are likewise engaged in such a struggle. As we live this moment, it is difficult to see the significance of the history we are making. The 104th Division is fully engaged in Training more than 12,000 soldiers every year, many of whom will be in combat soon after they leave our training. The division has also

deployed many soldiers to combat operations. At least two have been wounded and received Purple Hearts. In February, the NCO Academy deployed 36 soldiers to Iraq and some of those soldiers are still there training the NCO's of the New Iraqi Army. We have three soldiers serving at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Timberwolf soldiers are serving the Army and the nation at Army posts from coast to coast, including Aberdeen Proving

Grounds, Maryland, Fort Leonardwood, Missouri, Fort Grafton, North Dakota, Fort Bliss, Texas, Fort Huachuca, Arizona, the Sierra Army Depot, Camp Parks, and Fort Hunter-Liggett, California, to name a few. As of this writing, we have 402 soldiers mobilized either with their unit or cross-leveled into another unit. This is the most extensive involvement of the 104th Division in a wartime effort since World War II.

While doing all of this, the 1st Brigade has initiated unit relocations into eleven new cities. Coordination has been completed in all but three of those actions. Meanwhile, the 1st Brigade has also increased drill sergeant strength by twenty-one.

In June and July, the Drill Sergeant School made history by successfully executing a 6-week Drill Sergeant School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, a first of any institutional training division. I salute the 32 graduating drill sergeants. I met one graduating sergeant from California who had only been in the division for two months. He was already a qualified drill sergeant thanks to the 6-week school. I thank all the soldiers and leaders of the 1st Brigade for their accomplishments.

Col. Mark McCarley assumed command of the 7th Brigade in June, and Col. Virginia Janovsky assumed command of the 5th Brigade in July. Both are

outstanding officers, and I am glad to welcome them to the division.

The Army, Army Reserve and the nation need all of us now. The Army and the Army Reserve are transforming. We are a nation at war; it is not business as usual. As

soldiers are mobilized and deployed, our ranks are thinning. I know many of you are stressed in your jobs. I appreciate your extra effort. We could not do it without you. Thank you for serving. This is an important and exciting time to be a Timberwolf. I am proud to serve with you all.

Nightfighters!

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U.S. soldiers pursuing Germans near Florence, Italy, in April 1945.

Photo by Staff Sgt. L. Maurice Miller, Division PAO

Photo courtesy U.S. National Archives

Command Sergeant Major's Call



Command Sgt. Maj. James Davis
Command Sgt. Maj. , 104th Division (IT)

NIGHTFIGHTERS! Allow me to remind you, these are changing times for the 104th Division, as well as the entire Army. We are now an Army at war, supporting a nation at war. There are currently over 320,000 troops deployed in about 120 countries. The 104th Division has cross-leveled over 300 soldiers.

This type of OPTEMPO will most likely continue. That's why it's important to remember; *before there is a warrior there is a trainer.*

We are the trainers and it is our obligation to ensure that not only our own soldiers, but also those that are entrusted to us to train, are prepared to carry out the missions required of them during war.

We do this first by getting back to the basics. We all need to be proactive and perform Pre-Combat Checks (PCC), Pre-Combat Inspections (PCI), and Pre-execution checks. When we put on the uniform we need to make sure that we meet the standard from beret to boots. Our students will be looking toward us as their example.

Sgt. Major of the Army Kenneth Preston believes deeply in the Soldiers Creed, and it strikes me that we could use this as guidance for how we conduct our courses:

I will always place the mission first – when we're conducting classes let's not allow less important issues to distract us and our students from the point-of-instruction.

I will never accept defeat – let's not permit ourselves to provide anything but the absolute best quality instruction of any Army training institution.

I will never quit – no matter how late into the night, or how many days in a row we have to train, let's see our missions through to the successful end.

I will never leave a fallen comrade – if even one soldier doesn't understand the instruction we provide, it's one too many. Let's do everything we can to be certain that our students leave our courses fully capable of carrying out the new duties they will be assigned given the instruction we provided.

Let's remember that we as the Army of the United States, the oldest branch of the military has the greatest obligation to serve the people of the United States – protecting freedom and the American way of life. The 104th Division "NIGHTFIGHTERS" is a proud organization, and it is our duty to maintain the respect and tradition of our predecessors. I am proud to wear the uniform of the United States Army with you.

Awards:

Soldier awards:

May, June, July and August

BOYER, PATRICE - HHC
BREWSTER, JEFFERY A. - HHC
CARTER, ARA J. JR - 1ST BDE
COPPOLA, HEIKO P. - HHC
CREEK, FREDRICK ALLEN - 8TH BDE
DELEON, CESAR - HHC
EDMONDS-LELAND, SUSAN M. - HHC
FAIRCHILD, JAMES L. - 6TH BDE
GAINER, JASON - HHC
GIDNEY, NICK M. - HHC
HEFNER, GREGG E. - 1ST BDE

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HINTZE, BONNIE M. - 5TH BDE
HOLT, BRENDA V. - HHC
KISS, CHARLES T. - HHC
MARK, SCOTT D. - 5TH BDE
MCKINNEY, RICHARD W. - 1ST BDE
MOATE, RANDY M. - HHC
POMELE, PITA A. - 1ST BDE
SEGEE, EVA LOUISE - 7TH BDE
SMALLS, ANDREW A. - 8TH BDE
SMITH, MARK WESLEY - HHC
SWALL, JUNE - 5TH BDE

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If you received an award in May, June, July, August and you are not on the list, it is because the Wolf Print staff did not receive your information. Please contact your unit administrator and ask him or her to forward your award information to the PAO, or email it to the Wolf Print.

Soldier on the Street

Question: What is your definition of "HOOAH"?



1st Sgt. Dawn Radonze
3/413
"Is the very most used word in the Army."

Spc. Rann dall Power
A Co./3/413
"It means Army pride."



Sgt. Mark Comporato
A Co./2/415
"Simply, yes."



Spc. Shawn Bynn
3/413
"It has alot of meaning, its used in the Army to express their spirit and pride."



Sgt. Verastine Mills
A Co./3/413
"Its all or nothing."



Pfc. Chrystal Gainer
HHC/ Div. Headquarters
"Right on Army Pride!"

Capt. Rebekah Chavis
Headquarters/413
"Fast and Hard."



Spc. Adrienne Caluin
A Co./3/413
"I think its a motivation tool."



Sgt. Mario Gonzalez
A Co./3/413
"Anything and everthing."



Sgt. John Durham
C Co./2/415
"It goes from one extreme to the other. It can mean anything in your head, but can't get you in trouble for saying it."

Do you have a question to ask other soldiers? Send that question to the 104th Div (IT) PAO office and we'll ask other soldiers for you.

1st Brigade's new 6-week Drill Sergeant School at Fort Sill a roaring, unprecedented success

Intense school format at new location results in new levels of Drill Sergeant graduate numbers for Timberwolf brigade

Story by Sgt. 1st Class John Tomlinson, Division PAO
Photos by Sgt. Robert Britt, Divison PAO

FORT SILL, Okla. - In an unprecedented effort of organization, hard work and new thinking, the 1st Brigade's Drill Sergeant School conducted a six-week school here through June and July, resulting in dramatic new numbers of qualified drill sergeants for the 104th Division (IT).

The 104th Division (IT) Drill Sergeant School Class 04-04 conducted its graduation ceremony at Fort Sill on July 24th, resulting in 28 new fully-trained and qualified drill sergeants for the division, and 5 new drill sergeants for the 95th Division (IT), according to Assistant Commandant, Master Sgt. Gregg Heffner.

Heffner cited the new school format, six weeks of high intensity start-to-finish training for accomplishing the new 104th Division (IT) levels of successful graduation. "We put a tremendous effort into the organization of this mission," he said, "and the effort has paid off in a big way." He explained that with the old, less-lengthy school format the brigade was lucky to graduate 15 drill sergeants per class, and only 25 total in a given year.

But by extending the time drill sergeant candidates spend in school, with fewer breaks, the academic experience has really paid off. Because the course of instruction has continuity and the candidates have a chance to complete the whole course of instruction minus outside distractions, the performance level of students has apparently been bumped up, Heffner said.

And, concurrently, the academic success levels of the drill sergeant school are also affected by the new six-week format, which is an unexpected benefit, according to Heffner.

"With the new school format, these soldiers get no breaks," he said, "and that causes a significant challenge to their academic success. But we weren't expecting to see this upward spike in performance because under the old IDT phase II format, the drill sergeant candidates had 30 days in between tests on drill weekends, so this is a pleasant surprise" he said.

1st Brigade secured the Fort Sill location for its school many months ago, according to Heffner, and the Okla. location has presented the school with both advantages and challenges.

The active duty post is home to the US Army's Field Artillery School, The Field Artillery Training Center, a Non-Commissioned Officer School, and also III Corps Artillery. Therefore, the old Cavalry and artillery post is an established and well-appointed location for sustained training events with many logistical advantages.

But the rugged summer environment of Fort Sill has also tested the mettle of the Timberwolves' Drill Sergeant School, both cadre and students alike. Summer temperatures can soar into the 100's, and thunderstorms are a frequent occurrence. The terrain can also be difficult for training because the downrange areas of the fort are hilly and even mountainous in places.

The post is composed of 94 thousand acres, or 145 square miles of federal territory, and that can cause logistical support problems, which complicates the school's already-difficult mission.



Sgt. 1st Class Toni Raugust stands in formation before graduating from 1st Brigade's Drill Sergeant School.



A fellow student assists Staff Sgt. David Ward with his new headgear.

Examples of hindrances to the school's success caused by the Fort Sill location are many, according to Heffner, but his favorite story is one about the school's PT run one morning when the school got caught in a serious thunderstorm.

"The weather was mild, and in literally 10 seconds we went from 70 degrees and dead calm to a 30 mph wind, and 15 degrees colder," He said. "All the trees were blowing violently, and a whole tree ripped loose and came across the road towards us, and torrents of rain came down, something like 3 or 4 inches in one hour. When we got back safely to the school area, we were soaking wet, and even our shoes were soaked all the way through."

"But," he added, "at least there was no tornado."

Weather aside, all the school's students graduated successfully from Class 04-04, and some finished up with notable achievements. Distinguished Honor Graduate was snagged by Sgt. Nicholas P. Flores, of 3/415/1. Honor Graduate was Sgt. David Montellano, of 2/415/1. The Leadership Award was won by Cpl. Anthony Neely, of 2/415/1, and Sgt. James A. Cook, of 3/415/1, earned the High APFT Award.

Drill Sergeant candidates came from around the Timberwolf area of 12 western states, and there was a notable presence from a newly-formed unit in Arizona and also some Washington state units, said Heffner.

He mentioned that the school's success was a direct result of several key soldiers' efforts to get the mission rolling. He cited in particular Operations Sergeant Sgt. 1st Class Mike Manley's ability to coordinate billeting, ranges, ammunition supplies, training aids and transportation with the full-time support staff at Fort Sill.

"He worked months in advance of the school's opening date to get all this accomplished, and this was a real accomplishment because this is the first time we have put on a school like this with just our own resources in conjunction with an active duty Army base," he said.



1st Brigade Commander, Col. Gregory Berry (right), speaks with Chief Instructor Master Sgt. Kingsley Cathcart (left) and Drill Sergeant School Commandant, Command Sgt. Maj. Juan Loera.



Distinguished Honor Graduate Sgt. Nicholas Flores adjusts his "Brown Round" before the graduation ceremony at Fort Sill.

The idea for the new school format came about through the brainstorming efforts of Drill Sergeant School personnel such as Commandant Command Sgt. Maj. Juan Loretta, Chief Instructor Master Sgt. Kingsley Cathcart, and Assistant Commandant Heffner, and others.

"By adopting this new, intensive format, our school has accomplished an outstanding feat of full accreditation in a very short amount of time," said Heffner. He pointed out that the Timberwolf Drill Sergeant School has also done in six weeks what it normally takes the active duty proponent school nine weeks to accomplish.

He added that they plan on continuing the new school format into the next fiscal year, with two more six-week courses already in the planning stages. "Despite the challenges of this new format and the remote location, the 104th Division (IT) Drill Sergeant School has gained full accreditation from our active duty proponent at Fort Jackson, S.C., and no other reserve division has ever done that," Heffner said.

Unsung Timberwolf Hero

The 104th Division Inspector General's Office At Vancouver Barracks, Washington

Story and Photo by Sgt. 1st Class John Tomlinson, Division PAO

The WolfPrint recognizes that individuals or offices within the division often produce tremendous positive results, yet they are virtually unknown around Timberwolf territory by most division soldiers. In many cases, soldiers within the division may be personally impacted by the work of this soldier or office, yet the producer of the results is a virtual "Unknown Hero."

Who: Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Aviles, Assistant I.G.

Where: Vancouver Barracks, WA

What: 104th Division (IT) Inspector General's Office

When: Past 18 months

Wolfprint: What is your job?

Aviles: We investigate complaints and provide assistance with soldier issues. We follow-up on current and open ongoing cases, and we also provide answers to policy questions.

WP: What do you like best about your job?

A: We like the opportunity to help soldiers with their issues, and we also become more knowledgeable in our job in the process.

WP: Are there any special challenges to your job in the Inspector General's Office?

A: Well, to get things done to resolve a soldier's problem involves many different people and sometimes different units, so there is often a lot of wait time for things to come together for resolution.

WP: Is the I.G. office appreciated around the division?

A: Soldiers know they can call us when they have a real problem, or when they are not sure if something can be easily resolved, so that makes us feel appreciated if we can help or answer the question.

WP: What should Timberwolf soldiers know about your office that they may not already know?

A: We are fact finders, not policy makers. We find out what the problems are, and we recommend courses of action to resolve the problems.

WP: What can soldiers within the division do to make your job and your office more effective?

A: Leaders should ensure that soldiers within their units utilize the chain of command. Also, commanders can always call us if they are not sure of 104th Division (IT) policy before they make a final decision about any issue.



Sgt. 1st Class Aviles (left) answers a question regarding unit and Army policy. Soldiers from all over the 104th Division (IT) turn to Aviles for assistance.



An instructor from C-3-414/104 Div (IT) playing the part of an enemy soldier without using a MOPP suit.



SGT Michael C. Allen with B/3/414/104TH DIV (IT) showing how to drink from a canteen.



SFC J. B/3/414/104TH DIV (IT) showing how to drink from a canteen.



The end result



150th HH and an air fire.



Instructors from the 104TH DIV (IT) prepare the gas chamber.



ROTC 2004: NBC

104TH D





James E Harris from C/3/414/104TH DIV (IT) Sees that each cadet can meet the standard of donning protective mask.

An instructor with C-3/414 /104 Div (IT) in MOPP Level 4.



SFC Michael A. Kraus of B/3/414/104TH DIV (IT) Instructs the cadets about the different MOPP levels

G (P) Janell S Wood of C/1/415/104TH DIV (IT) gives ops order to a cadet before his team is tested on the lanes.

An instructor with C/3/414/104TH DIV (IT) watch as cadets test their new skills in NBC.



SSG Horst runs ahead of the a fire team of ROCT cadets.

Training by the DIV (IT)



The "IN" and "OUT" of the GAS CHAMBER.



104th Trains Future



Some information in this article was supplied by the Office of the Chief of Transportation website:
http://www.eustis.army.mil/ocot/Marine_Qualification/MQDhome.htm.

For specifications of Army Reserve vessels, go to the Army Reserve website at
<http://www4.army.mil/USAR/capabilities/water.php>

re Soldier-Mariners



MARE ISLAND, Calif.—The watercraft transportation school of the 7th Battalion, 4th Brigade, 104th Division (IT) conducted training last August for several soldiers of the 63rd Regional Readiness Command's (RRC) 481st Transportation Company. Soldiers from the 9th RRC in Hawaii were flown in to augment the school's need for instructors and crew.

An Army Reserve LCM-8 (Mike boat) at Mare Island, Calif.
Sgt. 1st Class James E. Granger (far right), of the 7th Bn., 4th Brigade, monitors its operation.

Photo by Sgt 1st Class Mike Bentley, Division PAO

Story by Sgt. 1st Class Mike Bentley and Staff Sgt. L. Maurice Miller, Division PAO

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The school, located on Mare Island just west of Vallejo, instructed future U.S. Army Reserve soldier-mariners on two types of Army boats, the Landing Craft

Utility 2000 (LCU 2000) and the Landing Craft Mechanized (LCM-8). The Army watercraft transportation mission is crucial to the delivering of supplies to deployed Army forces, and the school is the first step to ensure this mission is accomplished.

The Military Occupational Specialties (MOS) taught here are the 88K watercraft operator, 88L watercraft engineer, 88H cargo specialist (stevedore, longshoreman), and 88N transportation control (harbormaster), said Sgt. 1st Class James E. Granger, 104th Division (IT) course manager for the school. They also have different levels. The 10-level

course qualifies the student as a basic seaman in duties, such as, a line-handler or as a lookout on the watch-stand. The 20-level course increases the level of marine knowledge to that of a coxswain; a coxswain can be a skipper of a Mike boat. At the 30-level, the soldier becomes a boatswain and is a tug boat specific level. The position of mate is acquired at the 40-level. The mate is a senior non-commissioned officer (NCO) of a vessel

larger than the Mike boat and is the skipper's second-in-command. Soldiers have to pass a Duty Performance Test (DPT) to be licensed for each boat. Once the 40-level is reached, the soldier is qualified in every vessel the Army has.

On land, the traditional Army chain-of-command is in operation. At sea, however, this shifts around according to who is qualified on the particular boat and who isn't. According to Sgt. William J. Ash of the 481st, a licensed E-4 on a specific boat, has more seniority than an E-7 who is not. Respect for rank is always expected, but the object is to sail the boat effectively and to do that it takes specific training for each vessel.



Photo by Sgt 1st Class Mike Bentley, Division PAO
Fire fighting is an essential skill for a soldier-mariner to have. Students learn this skill at the watercraft school on Mare Island, Calif. which is administered by the 104th Division (IT).

The Skipper, or vessel master, is a warrant officer that usually has eight to twelve years experience as an enlisted soldier. 88K and 88L are enlisted feeder MOS's that can lead to warrant officer positions of 880A, marine deck officer (the skipper) and 881A, marine engineering officer. The marine engineering officer and enlisted engineers are crucial to keep the boat afloat and running. They are trained

in all the technology systems of the vessel from the hydraulic to the electrical.

The LCU 2000 can transport personnel, containers, vehicles, and outsize cargo in offshore discharge operations. This boat is "very versatile," said Granger. "It can go in shallow water right up to the beach to deliver its supplies and then sail out in the open sea." The LCU 2000 has a rear anchor. Before it reaches the beach head, the anchor is dropped. This allows the boat to wrench itself off the beach after unloading its cargo. The LCM-8 can transport personnel and cargo in Army water terminal operations and water-borne tactical operations. It can also augment naval craft

in joint amphibious or other waterborne tactical operations. Waterborne logistics delivers 90 percent of all unit equipment and supplies of U.S. forces and Army watercraft operations do its part. "The work is hard," said Granger. "In Kuwait, Army watercraft operates 24/7," he added.

Before sailing, students received classroom and hands on instruction on such subjects as damage control and firefighting. A damage control tank is used to teach the skills needed for soldier-mariners to stop leaks in pipes and in the structure of the vessel. Boxes and

patches, lumber and tools are strategically placed on the boat itself to facilitate efficient and rapid repair of a leak. Actual leaks should be reduced by fifty percent; the other fifty percent of the water can be eradicated by pumps. If a fire starts at sea, the crew cannot call the local fire department for help. They are on their own. Students spend a day studying fire-fighting techniques and a day fighting test fires. A technique used to fight a liquid, fuel fire,



for example, is to use the fire hose and adjust the nozzle to push the fuel back far enough to turn off any fuel valves that may be open.

On 21 August, instructors, crew, and students boarded the LCU 2000 Malvern Hill for a three day exercise on the water. Together with an accompanying LCU, they sailed down the Napa River through the San Pablo Bay and under the Golden Gate Bridge on their way to Monterey Bay. The Malvern Hill stopped at different points along the way to run drills for the students.

In the San Pablo Bay, WO4 David Feil of the 9th RRC and skipper of the Malvern Hill cut the engines and ordered the start of man overboard exercises. Sgt. Jeremy D. Carr of the 548th Transportation Company 9th RRC, a 10-level instructor and in charge of the deck crew, threw a life-jacket over the side to simulate a person gone overboard. Students and crew lowered a rescue boat into the water and with Carr in command, sped out and recovered the life-jacket.

Feil fired the engines into life again and headed the craft toward the Golden Gate Bridge. After passing the bridge and sailing through the "potato patch," a turbulent spot in the water where the bay meets the ocean, he steered the boat southward for the night journey to Monterey Bay. Feil and skipper's mate Sgt. 1st Class W. Ruelle Parker also of the 9th RRC, traded six hour shifts on the bridge navigating the boat. Parker, a fifty-seven year old and veteran of the water did prior service in the Marine Corps and formerly worked on the lower Mississippi River in a dredge boat. Feil and Parker give the Army Reserve many years of experience and are more than able to train the new generation in watercraft lore.

Early next morning, the LCU 2000 came to a stop in Monterey Bay. The loud

grating noise of the boat's rear anchor woke sleeping soldiers as it was lowered into the water. An anchor watch was then setup. A point on the land was sited using a bearing circle. Every half hour, a soldier-mariner checked the device to see if the boat had drifted.

Later in the day the Matamoros, the second LCU, sailed up and docked beside the Malvern Hill (as seen on front and back covers). Previous to this, students and crew spliced lines and tied them to "fenders" and placed the fenders along the side to provide a cushion between the boats. The second boat's



Photo by Sgt 1st Class Mike Bentley, Division PAO

Students close the hatch in the Damage Control Tank at Mare Island, Calif. Damage control drills simulate the emergencies that can occur on Army boats and is only part of the training soldiers receive during the 4th Brigade, 7th Battalion's watercraft school.

crew did likewise. The splicing of lines (ropes of several feet in length) is a basic skill of seamanship. The back-splice is

prepared at one end of the line and duck-taped back to prevent fraying; the eye-splice is basically a loop on the other end. The back-splice is tied to the fenders; the eye-splice is secured to the edge of the boat and the fenders are thrown overboard to dangle against the hull.

After the two boats were tightly docked together side by side, the students participated in abandon ship drills. They donned their red immersion suits, often called "gumby" suits and jumped overboard. Some were "rescued" by swimming to the front of the boat and scrambling up the ramp that had been lowered into the water. Others climbed into the rescue boat used for man overboard drills. Still others clambered aboard the covered inflatable raft that was shoved into the water.

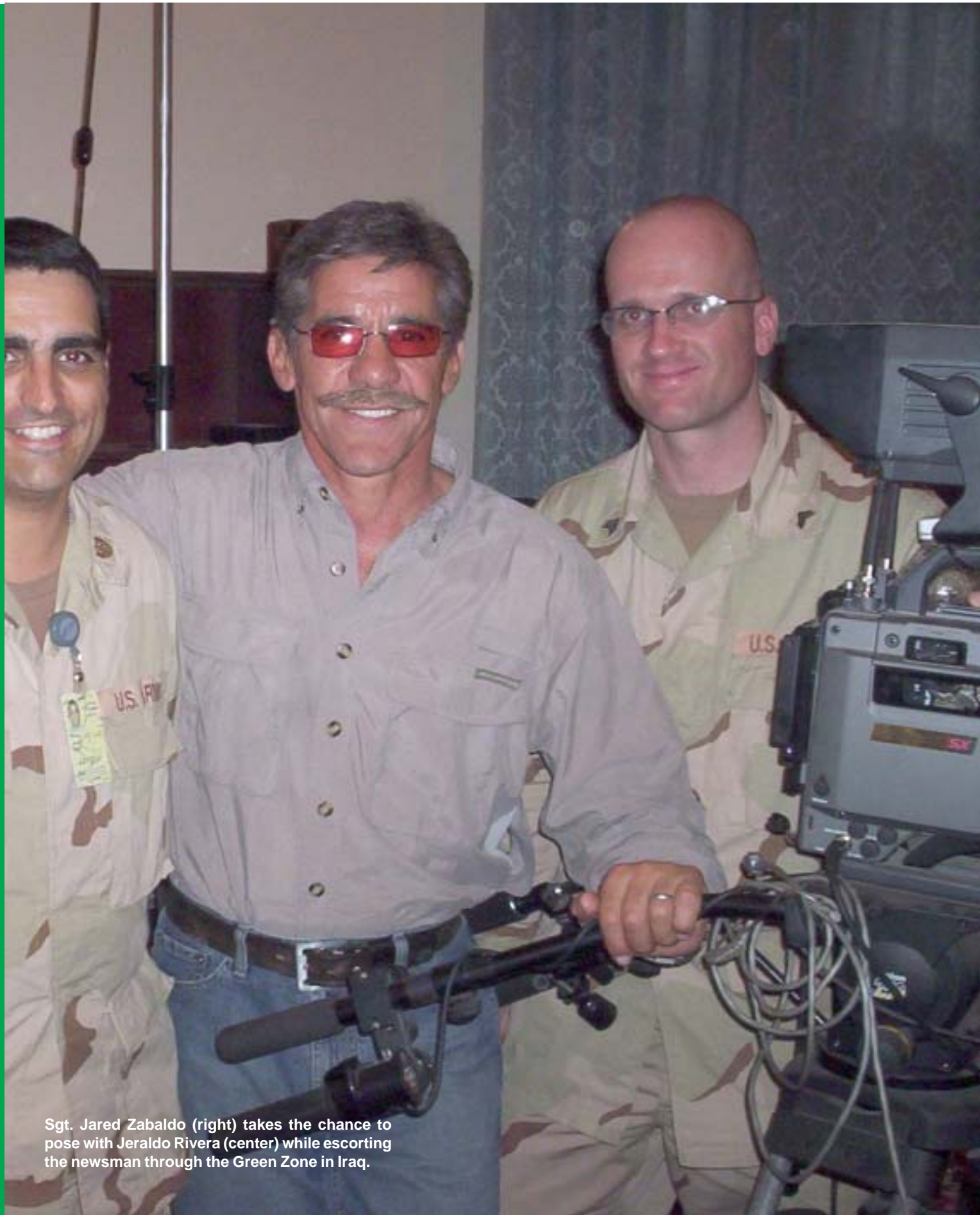
The raft is equipped with an Emergency Position Indicator Radio Beacon (EPIRB). The Coast Guard would use this beacon to locate the raft and normally rescues within twenty-four hours. The raft is preloaded with water and rations and several persons are designated to grab extra Meals-Ready-to-Eat (MRE's) located at certain stations on the boat.

On its way back to Mare Island, the Malvern Hill once again sailed underneath the Golden Gate Bridge. This time the bridge was shrouded in a mantle of wet, grey mist. As the boat entered the southern end of the San Pablo Bay, the weather turned sunny and fresh. The beauty of the dark line of coast, the water and the sky was not lost on the students or crew. They appreciated it, but they also knew the importance of their training and their future role to transport and supply America's forces to win America's wars.

Below: While anchored at Monterey Bay, students get experience donning the red "gumby" suit and utilizing the inflatable raft.



Photos by Staff Sgt. L. Maurice Miller, Division PAO



Sgt. Jared Zabaldo (right) takes the chance to pose with Jeraldo Rivera (center) while escorting the newsman through the Green Zone in Iraq.

IRAQ and BACK

104th Division soldier realizes destiny in the Army Reserve

By Master Sgt. Destry Witt, Division PAO

Photos courtesy Sgt. Jarred Zabaldo, (currently in Iraq)



BAGHDAD - The 104th Division (IT) has soldiers deployed in the hottest spots in the world. Many of them are involved in missions crucial to the welfare of the Global War on Terrorism. Timberwolves have been involved in the capture of ousted dictator Saddam Hussein, others interact with dignitaries from countries that are the United States most important allies, and hundreds more play supporting roles in the daily missions implemented to ensure the eventual safety of people all over the world. The events that preceded these soldiers changed their lives.

On the morning of September 11th, 2001 a young man sat in his Portland, Oregon apartment in disbelief as he watched on network television, over and over again, the footage of commercial airlines crashing into the World Trade Center and Pentagon. He didn't know it then, but his life would change dramatically.

Jared Zabaldo immediately met with a recruiter to see what options he had in the military. He felt there must be something he could do with his life, something that would make it more worth while, something he could do to help, and something people could remember him by the way he remembered stories told of his grandfather whom recently passed away and was a World War II Army veteran.

Having visited with an Army recruiter, Zabaldo was encouraged to pursue a military career as a journalist. The recruiter explained that Zabaldo's college degree in English combined with his work history as a freelance screenplay writer in southern California would dovetail well with his duties in a Public Affairs office somewhere. It just so happened that there was a position at the 104th Division headquarters that he could fill as soon as he was done with his nearly six-months training. Not knowing any better, Zabaldo accepted the slot and set off to make his mark in the world.

Once he completed his Army Public Affairs training, Zabaldo was put in a Specialist slot at the 104th Division headquarters and made himself an invaluable team member by filling in for another Public Affairs soldier that had been mobilized to Iraq. (This other soldier was deployed as a Intelligence NCO with prior training in the Arabic language; he was involved in the capture of Saddam). But, more than two September 11 anniversaries passed and the now Sgt. Zabaldo wasn't feeling as if his military objectives were being obtained. His opportunity came when he received deployment orders, and in a short time him and his dufflebag were headed to Iraq. Zabaldo is now in the Green Zone in Baghdad is doing and experiencing things that most people only know of from Hollywood movies. What follows are some highlights of Zabaldo's experiences from emails sent to the 104th Division Headquarters:

🟢 You're probably seeing on the news lots of activity in Baghdad. Since yesterday we have been absolutely pounded with mortars and rockets. Two weeks ago we moved from the Presidential Palace to a building called the Ministry of Defense Annex. It's right next door to the Iraqi Ministry of Defense and right against the Green Zone wall just down the street from Assassins Gate — one of the gates into the Green zone. Since that move, our level of activity has increased exponentially to the point where we are receiving direct hits on our single story roof. Just a few days ago one came right through the roof. Luckily it was a dud. Yesterday we were hit somewhere around five in the morning and another nine around lunch time. This morning we were getting hit all over the Green Zone in what appears to be a coordinated effort to launch some sort of attack. And there has been heavy fighting in Baghdad today. A lot of "civilians" killed — which is [bad]. Believe me, we don't shoot missiles into peaceful crowds of Iraqis.

🟢 This morning we were really pounded though, to the point where we were ordered to stay away from the MOD Annex. The Ministry of Defense is obviously one of the most sought after targets here. In the attack two days ago, one of our contractors was killed. So now we can't go anywhere without our gear on. Real nasty.

🟢 [It's just] a very typical day here, really. Yesterday when we were getting pulverized in the morning, I had not yet made it into the MOD Annex. Which is about half a mile away from our trailer compound where we sleep. No one even batted an eye.

🟢 I put together our new command information newsletter. Lt. Gen. David Petraeus wrote me this last night after checking out it out on our website: "Absolutely super Sgt. Z!!!! Very well done. Mobruk! Air Assault — Phoenix 6" Phoenix 6 is his new thing. Our compound here is called Phoenix Base now. In the military, Division Commanders get the call sign "Eagle 6." Corps commanders get the call sign "Dragon 6." Because we have a multinational command tasked with rebuilding the Iraqi Armed Forces and police forces from scratch, he calls himself "Phoenix 6." I guess a Phoenix "rises from the ashes." Much like what we're doing here with Iraq's security forces. General Petraeus is the man.

🟢 I might be out of communication for the next several days. I will be down in Baghdad's southern Al Rashid district for 8 or 9 days. I've been working on a big media embed project to go out on missions into Baghdad with the Iraqi Intervention Forces' 2nd Battalion. So I'll be escorting them on their combat patrols until the end of next week. Each media group will be

two individuals on patrol with me and the Iraqis and four or five other Americans. They'll go out on one mission and then I'll kick them out of the small base there and they're on their own. Just thought you might be interested in what I sometimes do when I leave the Green Zone. Most of the other time, I am actually the journalist, but this is another aspect of [public affairs].

🟢 Petraeus pins a Joint Service Achievement Medal on my chest along with the other six guys (my boss Capt. Alvarez too). 900 soldiers in this command and I was singled out as one of seven to get this meda.

🟢 My buddy Jeff told me today that of all the soldiers in Iraq, I probably have one of the coolest experiences because of everything I get to see, and I was thinking about it and realized he's probably right. I mean one minute I'm sitting in on secret meetings with Petraeus, the next escorting Dan Rather around, and then to top it all off I am one of five Americans to walk down the streets of Baghdad with the Iraqi army's return to Baghdad. Pretty crazy. Of course I haven't been able to take a shower for three days and I've been walking around in full battle-gear for three days in a 110+ degrees. But everybody has to do that. You've never sweat until you sweat in Iraq with a helmet, flak vest with ceramic plates, 330 rounds, a camelback and an M16. It's draining. But it could be way worse.

🟢 I just got back from an embed with the Iraqi army's 2nd Battalion. The 2nd Battalion is actually part of the Iraqi army's Iraqi Intervention Force. It's a special force in the army

convoys. Never thought I would be walking those streets on a foot patrol. But, I am happy to report that the Iraqi army was greeted with great fanfare and cheering from the citizens. It was AMAZING! Like McArthur returning to the Philippines. People cheering. Honking horns. It was awesome. I was one of five Americans who accompanied the battalion. I had people run out to me and offer me food. Kids were trying to give me candy. I finally took a piece of gum from a little kid,



Lt. Gen. David Petraeus presents Sgt. Jared Zabaldo with a Joint Service Achievement Medal for his service in Iraq.

and he was real happy when I popped it in my mouth. The coolest thing was that I had so many people almost in tears thanking me — as a representative of America I guess — for their Army and their sovereignty. (Like I had anything to with it). But they were truly happy. Not a shot fired. No violence. No fighting. Nothing. Nothing but a happy and positive experience. We followed behind the company about 25 to 50 yards for most of the way, but I ran up and got some photos at opportune times. The main mission was to have the Iraqis introduce themselves to people and let them know that they were here now to provide security in this particular sector. So the battalion commander, Lt. Col. Mohammed, would walk up to folks in the market place and shake their hands and tell them who they were. It was really awesome to see the reaction, though. The Iraqis rode in on these 5-ton Hyundai troop transport trucks (like five of them) and a couple SUV's, and we followed in two Humvees. The Iraqis have these big Iraqi flags flying over the cab of their trucks so everyone knows who's on their way. And man, cars would flash their lights. Honk their horns. I saw one guy hurriedly pull over and jump on the hood of his car and start filming the event with a video camera. At one point two soldiers helped an old lady across the street and an old man started crying because it was so emotional for him to see. The Iraqis were handing out Iraqi flags on the first patrol and one woman refused it because it still had the green on the flag that Saddam put on there. I sure don't want to speak for how the whole country feels, but in the southern district of Abu Sheer, these people were overwhelmed to say the least.

Statt Sgt. L. Maurice Miller contributed to this article.



Sgt. Jared Zabaldo, a public affairs specialists from the 104th Division (IT), escorts Dan Rather through the streets of Baghdad. Rather wants to go fly-fishing with Zabaldo when they both are back in the States.

specifically trained in counter-insurgency operations. Once again I managed to be in the thick of it. I walked through the streets of Baghdad July 1 on the Iraqi army's first foot patrol in Baghdad. In fact I made two patrols that same day on the same market-place street. This is a street that I have traveled down many times at about 60 miles an hour on ground

59th National Timberwolf Association Conference WWII Veterans of the 104th Infantry Division Meet in St. Louis

Story and photos by Staff Sgt. L. Maurice Miller, Division PAO

ST. LOUIS— From 30 August to 6 September World War II veterans of the 104th Infantry Division (ID) met for the 59th Annual National Timberwolf Association conference in St. Louis, Missouri. The 104th ID is an ancestor of the 104th Division (IT) today.



Maj. Gen. T. K. Moffett, Commanding General of the 104th Division (IT), speaks at the 59th National Timberwolf Association in St. Louis.

Maj. Gen. T. K. Moffett spoke on the morning of the 4th. He thanked the veterans for their service and sacrifice. He went on to say that the U.S. Army is older than the nation and is the cradle of the nation. "Our Army," Moffett said, was not formed to support a king or dictator. It was formed for the purpose of setting people free." He went on to mention the 104th ID's role in WWII and its connection with the Nordhausen Concentration Camp.

The 104th ID did their part in freeing the territory and people of Europe from German tyranny. Charles Lang was one person that the 104th ID liberated. Lang is a survivor of Nordhausen.

"Nordhausen was liberated by the 104th US Infantry Division on April 12th, 1945. When the first American GI's arrived in the camp, they discovered a gruesome scene. More than 3,000 corpses were scattered, helter-skelter on the ground. In several hangars there were no survivors and in others they found only 2 or 3 living inmates lying amongst dozen of corpses. The situation was so calamitous that the medic unit of the 104th Infantry Division had to request urgent medical reinforcements and supplies. More that 400 German civilians living in the direct vicinity of the camp were forced by the GI's to evacuate the corpses. The medic units of the 104th Division did the best they could to save as many prisoners as possible but even with the excellent care they received, numerous inmates died in the hours and days following the liberation of the camps." *

Mr. Lang was an honored guest at the conference. "I thank the Timberwolves for my life," he said. Speaking to those who have challenged the truth of the existence of Nazi

concentration camps, Lang said, "There are those who say that these things didn't happen, that there was no burning of Jews. I know these things happened. I can attest to this."

Jewish law states: "let every word be established in the mouth of two or three witnesses." One witness that can establish Lang's testimony is 104th ID veteran Forrest Robinson who took personal photographs of Nordhausen from a German camera he had found. "It still had some film in it," he said. These pictures are now part of the official collection of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.

The second witness is veteran Mel Morasch, a medic in the 329th Medical Battalion, Company C. "I was one of the ones [at Nordhausen] who searched for survivors," he said. Morasch went on to state that he would stick his hand in the bunks to feel if the bodies were warm. People still alive would be carried out by stretcher or by hand. "The bodies were so light [from starvation]," continued Morasch, "that I carried out two at a time, one under each arm."

Speaking of the 104th ID's actions, Moffett said that "because of what you did, I am not worthy to unlace your boots." He informed the veterans that several Timberwolves are currently deployed to Iraq to free that country just as they had done for the countries of Europe. To loud applause, Moffett said that "we are liberators, not conquerors."

* JewishGen: The Home of Jewish Genealogy: <http://www2.jewishgen.org/ForgottenCamps/Camps/NordhausenEng.html>



From right to left: Mel Morasch, Charles and Joan Lang and their son spend time together and share memories of Nordhausen.

For more information about the National Timberwolf Association, see their website at <http://www.104infdiv.org>

9th Battalion Trains the Medics of Tomorrow

Instructors arrange for unique learning experience

Photos and story by Sgt. Robert Britt, Division PAO

CAMP PARKS, Calif. - For an instructor, teaching soldiers the vast number of skills required to be proficient in the medical field is no easy task. This task is only made more difficult when the students have little or no background in the medical field. This challenge; however, is welcomed by the instructors of the 5th Brigade's 9th Battalion, as they conduct the division's first Health Care Specialist Reclassification Course for non-medical personnel.

The instructors of the 9th Battalion began the first of the four-phase course at Camp Parks, Calif. on August 8, 2004. After completion of the training the students, who have come from both Army Reserve and National Guard units, will be awarded the MOS of 91W, Health Care Specialist. This is a newly assigned occupation that combines what previously was 91B, Army Medic and 91C, Licensed Practical Nurse. The first phase is designed to introduce the students to emergency medical procedures and provide an introduction to human anatomy and physiology. Completion of Phase One results in licensing from the National Registry as an Emergency Medical Technician-Basic (EMT-B), a requirement for each of the following phases.

The creation of the new Health Care Specialist MOS has come at little surprise to officials in the medical branch. The program ensures that all newly trained medics are



Sgt. 1st Class Michael Nedoma, an instructor with the 9th Battalion, assists a nurse in fastening the net used to lift an immobile patient. Both the students and instructors worked directly with the nurse staff.

licensed nationally, which ensures sustainment of skills by requiring recertification every two years. The combination of the two previous occupations also allows for a greater range of proficiency coming from MOS training.

To assist the students in becoming comfortable and proficient in dealing with patients, Sgt. 1st Class Rosenda Jewell, the Course Manager for the Reclassification Course, arranged for the students to work with the nurses and residents of the Veterans Affairs Palo Alto Health Care System's Spinal Injury Center.

"Patient assessment is not only a requirement for the course, but it is also a big

"These students can't be taught bedside manner. It is something they will have to learn over time."

Staff Sgt. Ramon Simon
Instructor for the Health Care Specialist Reclassification Course

part of health care in general," said Lt. Col. Imelda Weddington, commander of the 9th Battalion. Working directly with the nursing staff the students performed many of the daily duties that would be required of a practicing nurse. The training being held at the Spinal Injury Center offered a unique experience as the severity of injuries varied from partial loss of feeling of a limb to paralysis.

After the students complete Phase One of the reclassification they will have until January of 2005 to complete Phase Two, a Distance Learning instruction that requires the students to complete 35 lessons at their own pace. 9th Battalion will then return to administer Phases Three and Four to further educate the soldiers on invasive medical procedures with the course culminating with a field training exercise designed to ensure the students are ready for duty both in the hospital and on the battlefield.



Sgt. Vincent Marrujo checks the vital signs of a patient at the Spinal Injury Center. Conducting accurate patient assessments is an integral part of health care.



Spc. Bertha Carrasco prepares a paralyzed patient for movement. Carrasco is being trained by the instructors of the 9th Battalion to become a Health Care Specialist.



Staff Sgt. Louie Genzler, an instructor with the 9th Battalion, takes a moment to speak with a patient who is paralyzed due to spinal cord damage.



1st Sgt. Janell Word
HHC 1-415



Staff Sgt. Eric Kraft
C Co. 1-415

A Co. 3-414th Trains Cadets on Automatic Weapons at Ft. Lewis

Fort Lewis, Wash. – ROTC cadets had a chance to fire the M-249 SAW this summer, many of them for the first time. They learned about this weapon and others under the tutelage of soldiers of A Co. 3-414th who ran the Auto Fire range at Warrior Forge through June and July.



Sgt. Larae Vandewarker
HHC 1-415

Spending part of their summer at Warrior Forge prepares ROTC cadets for their final year in the ROTC program and their subsequent commissioning. Timberwolf soldiers play a huge role in the summer training each year.



M-60 Machine Gun

TAPS

Final services were held recently in Vancouver, Wash, for a former 104th Division Commander who passed away recently. Maj.Gen. Eugene G Cushing (RET) passed away on Thursday morning, August 26th, in Seattle, Wash. Maj. Gen. Cushing had recently turned 99, and commanded the 104th Division from March 1st, 1957 until his retirement from the military on May 1st, 1966.

Maj. Gen. Cushing was born in Portland, Ore, on August 24th, 1905. He worked his way through the University of Washington and received his law degree in 1929. His career in law extended from 1929 until his retirement from the King County Superior Court in 1979, serving as a prosecuting attorney and a Superior Court Judge, first in Vancouver, Wash. and later in Seattle, Washington.

Maj. Gen. Cushing also received his commission in 1929. During World War II, he served as the Staff Judge Advocate for the 82nd Airborne Division, and then the 101st Airborne Division. He joined the 104th Infantry Division (Organized Reserves) upon its reactivation in 1946. His assignments within the 104th included Staff Judge Advocate for seven years, Chief of Staff for three years, and Regimental Commander of the 413th Infantry for nine months prior to taking command of the division in March 1957. During his tenure in command, the 104th underwent one of its major conversions. In June 1959, the Division was converted from a Triangular Infantry Division to a Training Division. The "new" 104th Division had little similarity to a combat infantry division. Gone were the units of division artillery, medical, engineer, signal, tank, and other segments normally associated with a combat division. Replacing them were 4 Regiments, Division HHC, Receiving Company, Support Company, Test Company, Transportation Company, and the Division Band.. The new mission of the 104th Division was to satellite on counterparts at various Army Training Centers, and train accordingly.

Memorial Services were conducted in Seattle, Wash., on September 1st, 2004 and internment at Park Hill Cemetery, Vancouver, Wash. on September 3rd, 2004. Maj. Gen. Cushing is survived by Ruth Cushing, his wife of 73 years, two sons, one daughter, three grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.



Services were held on Saturday, August 21st, 2004 for another former 104th Division Commander. Maj. Gen. (Retired) William H. Prentice passed away on August 11th, 2004 in Portland, Ore. Maj. Gen. Prentice commanded the 104th Division from May 1st, 1966 until his retirement from the military on June 9th, 1971. During his tenure as Division Commander, the 104th was reconfigured from the 104th Infantry Division to the 104th Division (Training) with brigades basically replacing the regiments.

Maj. Gen. Prentice was born on February 29th, 1916 in Aberdeen, Wash. The family later moved to Oregon, and he graduated from the University of Oregon, Class of 1938, and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant, Quartermaster Corps, ROTC, in 1939. He was ordered to active duty in 1941 as an instructor in the Motor Operations School, and in 1944, he was ordered to overseas duty in the South Pacific. He was assigned as Executive Officer of the 268th Quartermaster Battalion when it was staged for the invasion of the Philippine Islands. He saw action with this unit in Bougainville, assault landings in the Solomon Islands, and at Luzon and Batangas, to final service with occupation duty in Honshu, Japan. He joined the Organized Reserves in 1946 and served in various assignments with the 417th Engineer Brigade, including Brigade Commander, until its deactivation, and his subsequent assignment to the 104th Infantry Division. He was a retired executive with Pacific Power and Light Corporation, Portland, Oregon.

Maj. Gen. Prentice was preceded in death by his first wife, Barbara, whom he married in 1936. He is survived by his wife Mary, a retired Naval line officer, whom he married in 1984, four daughters, eight grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. He was interred with full military honors at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland, Oregon.

